GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Vacancy under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any vacancy under the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan either at State or Central level;
(b) if so, the details thereof;
(c) whether there is any provision for having non-official Members under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan;
(d) if so, the details thereof, including qualifications needed for becoming the same, as well as period of appointment;
(e) whether the Government has appointed or plans to appoint such non-official Members under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan; and
(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI UPENDRA KUSHWAHA)
(a) & (b): The Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) Programme is being implemented since 2001 for universalization of elementary education by improving the access, retention, bridging social & gender gap and improving quality. Under the scheme, 19.46 lakh posts of additional teachers have been sanctioned since its inception to maintain the appropriate pupil teacher ratio of 40:1 for primary schools and 35:1 for upper primary schools as per the norms provided in the Schedule to Right of the Child to Free and Compulsory Education (RTE) Act 2009. Out of these, 15.75 lakh teachers have been recruited by States and UTs and 3.71 lakh posts of teachers are vacant as on 31.12.2016. The matters relating to recruitment, promotion, service rule, pay scale etc., of teachers fall within the purview of the State Government.
(c) & (d): In order to facilitate universal elementary education, the Government of India decided to set up the National Mission for Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) in the Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD) through a Resolution dated 2nd January, 2001. The SSA National Mission is the nodal body for all matters relating to elementary education at the national level and is vested with full executive and financial powers in its sphere of work. The SSA National Mission has two apex bodies namely Governing Council (GC) under the Chairmanship of Prime Minister of India and Executive Committee (EC) under the Chairmanship of Minister, HRD.
The GC of SSA comprises, amongst others, six non-official Members from teachers & teacher unions; five persons from among educationists & scientist; six persons from NGOs working in the field of education; three persons from women's organizations and three persons working amongst Scheduled Castes (SCs) & Scheduled Tribes (STs) in the field of elementary education. Similarly, EC comprises of seven non-officials comprising of Teachers, NGOs representatives and educationists.
The nominations on the National Mission for SSA are, accordingly, made by the Government of India as per the composition laid down under the Resolution. The Members of SSA National Mission hold office for a term of two years and are eligible for re-nominations.
(e) & (f): The last GC and EC of National Mission of SSA were constituted in October, 2013 for a period of two years. The constitution of the GC will be done after a clarification is obtained on whether it would be an "Office of Profit' for the Members of Parliament, who are the members of the GC. Further, the GC has met only once since SSA was launched in 2001. The reconstitution of EC, however, is under process.
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